



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Action Item for the City Council Meeting April 28, 2020

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Authorization to Submit Six Grant Applications to the Public Safety Office – Homeland Security Grant Division by the Fire Department
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CAPTION:

Resolution authorizing the submission of six grant applications to the Public Safety Office – Homeland Security Grants Division for the Homeland Security Grant Program to prevent terrorism and other catastrophic events in an amount of \$423,413.91 for various functions of Public Safety.

SUMMARY:

This resolution authorizes the Corpus Christi Fire Department (CCFD) to submit six grant applications under the Homeland Security Grant Program for funding in an amount of \$423,413.91 to the Public Safety Office, Homeland Security Grant Division. The grant funds will support CCFD, Airport and Corpus Christi Police Department (CCPD) functions such as bomb squad detection, incident command training, search and recovery dive operations, airport medical response, hazards preparedness training, and hazmat response enhancements.

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

The Homeland Security Grant Program annually issues grants to improve state and local efforts to respond to potential acts of terrorism, catastrophic events, purchase advanced equipment and provide enhanced training. Since 2002, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security has annually issued grants to the State of Texas who in turn awards the grants to municipalities through the Homeland Security Grant Program. The City of Corpus Christi has received funds through these grants to fund projects similar to these

six.

The Bomb Squad Detection project will fund a bomb disposal robot to provide enhanced protection for the CCPD bomb squad. The Incident Command Training Program will provide training for Fire Officers to become incident command instructors to provide command training to the region. Funds will also be used to purchase the necessary equipment and supplies to establish a training center. The Dive Trailer will provide an enclosed cargo trailer for the CCPD Search & Recovery Dive Team to utilize to safely respond and rapidly deploy supplies, gear, and equipment to incidents. The Airport Medical Response Equipment project will provide medical equipment such as bleeding control kits for the Corpus Christi International Airport Public Safety teams to use during emergencies. Funding for the City of Corpus Christi All-Hazards Training will provide preparedness training to City personnel by allowing them to attend the Texas Emergency Management Conference, International Association of Emergency Managers Conference, and National Homeland Security Conference. The Regional HazMat Response Enhancement will provide the CCFD HazMat team with an MX908 device to identify extremely hazardous unknowns, even in trace amounts.

Listed below are the grant functions the CCFD is submitting the application for and the funding.

Project Title	Amount Requested
Bomb Squad Detection	\$191,184.00
Incident Command Training Program	\$88,134.05
Dive Trailer	\$44,063.76
Airport Medical Response Equipment	\$4,585.00
City of Corpus Christi All-Hazards Training	\$15,572.10
Regional Hazmat Response Enhancement	\$79,875.00
TOTAL REQUESTED	\$423,413.91

ALTERNATIVES:

If we do not submit these six grant applications, we will have limited emergency response and security capabilities.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact in FY2020 with the submission of the grant applications. However, if awarded, grant monies will be appropriated in FY2021. There is no cash match requirement by the City.

Funding Detail:

Fund:

Organization/Activity:

Mission Element:

Project # **(CIP Only)**:

Account:

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends authorizing the Fire Department to submit the six grant applications.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Agenda Memo
Resolution